

Criteria for Doctoral Dissertation Examination at the Graduate School of Design, Kyushu University

1. Criteria for submission of doctoral dissertation

There must be at least one peer-reviewed article in which the degree applicant is the first author. The article must have been published in an appropriate academic journal (including an academic book) or must have been accepted for publication. The academic book must be in printed form.

In the research fields of artistic expression, design practice, and design planning, a thesis may be substituted for a work of art. However, the work must be a juried work, and must have been exhibited or performed/recorded in an appropriate public place. For reference works with collaborators, the degree applicant must be the principal creator. The identity of the principal creator must be clearly indicated in an appropriate public forum.

2. Dissertation review system

The research guidance committee in the doctoral program shall consist of at least three faculty members (a chief examiner and at least two co-examiners). At least one faculty member of the Graduate School of Design who belongs to a different department from that of the degree applicant's supervisor, a faculty member of another graduate school, or a faculty member of another university's graduate school or research institute (equivalent to a faculty member in charge of research guidance in the doctoral course), shall be added as an external reviewer.

3. Process for conferring degrees

[Academic Affairs Committee]

The Academic Affairs Committee shall deliberate on the Committee members of the Preliminary Examination Committee.

↓(about 3 weeks)

[Preliminary Examination Committee]

After the Preliminary Examination Committee members are determined, the chief examiner shall organize a preliminary examination.

[Report on the result of the Preliminary Examination]

The chief examiner submits the required documents to the administrative office.

↓(about 1 week)

[Academic Affairs Committee]

The Academic Affairs Committee deliberates on the acceptance of the thesis and the decision of the Thesis Examination Committee members.

↓(about 2 months)

[Dissertation Public Hearing]

After the Thesis Examination Committee members have been decided, a public hearing is held by the chief examiner. The dissertation is examined and a final examination is conducted at that time.

[Report of Examination Results]

The chief examiner submits the required documents to the office.

↓(about 1 week)

[Delegates' Meeting of the Graduate School]

A decision on whether or not to confer the degree will be made at the Delegates' Meeting of the Graduate School.